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## Ecuador grants Assange asylum in confrontation with Britain



QUITO (AFP) - Ecuador granted political asylum to WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange yesterday, setting up a diplomatic confrontation with Britain, which angrily insisted it would extradite him to Sweden.

Ecuadorian Foreign Minister Ricardo Patino argued the Australian activist would not get a fair trial if he is eventually sent to the United States to be tried for illegally publishing a trove of classified documents.

"The Ecuador government,

loyal to its tradition of protecting those who seek refuge with us at our diplomatic missions, has decided to grant diplomatic asylum to Mr Assange," Patino said, at a news conference.

The decision escalated a crisis set in motion when Assange, 41, took refuge in the Ecuadorian embassy in London on June 19 to avoid extradition to Sweden, where he is wanted for questioning in a sexual assault case.

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## "Turning the Tide Together" theme of 2012 International AIDS Conference Part I

More than 23,000 delegates from over 195 countries converged in Washington D.C. for the International Conference on AIDS with its theme, "Turning the Tide Together." Their goal: the elimination of the AIDS epidemic forever. Every delegate concentrated on the latest dramatic scientific advances which has drastically changed the reality of the AIDS epidemic. These advances have generated more incentives to contribute more funds for research and prevention.

The conference also served as a platform for global leadership in every sector of the society to remain abreast of the scientific progress and the ongoing battle against HIV/AIDS. The conference was held from July 22 to 27 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center.

Elly Katabira, International Chair of the 2012 AIDS and president of the International Society of AIDS remarked in her opening speech: "Our return to the United States after 22 years of absence has come at a critical time when a new extraordinary hope is on the horizon, at a time when we are beginning to see more possibilities to an end to the AIDS epidemic." Katabira went on to say that, "AIDS 2012 is an important opportunity to thank the citizens of the United States and to focus on the millions of lives that have been saved because of the generous contributions of the USA to this global fight against AIDS, and for the leadership of this country in the scientific research of the HIV virus."

Dr. Diane Havlik, the US Co-Chair of AIDS 2012 and Professor of Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco, indicated: "We have no doubt, that our progress in the last 30 years



have been impressive, but to stay where we are is not enough." She concluded her remarks by saying that leaders around the world must invest in the science of this epidemic, because that will be the guarantee that would save more lives.

Activists from around the world have appealed to all participants and allies from all parts of the world to sign the Washington, D.C. Declaration, which is the official declaration of the 2012 AIDS conference. The declaration makes an appeal for an urgent renewal of activism and for all communities to render massive support for the initiation of the end to the AIDS

pandemic through a 9 point action plan ([www.dcddeclaration.org](http://www.dcddeclaration.org) or [www.2ndaids.org](http://www.2endaids.org))

One of the messages which resonated during the entire conference was that someone diagnosed with the HIV virus today, if treated early is guaranteed to live a normal life. But we must all work on guaranteeing that there would be universal treatment for all. We must identify and dialogue on the social factors which continue to propagate the transmission of HIV, and recognize that every human is not optional and must be respected.

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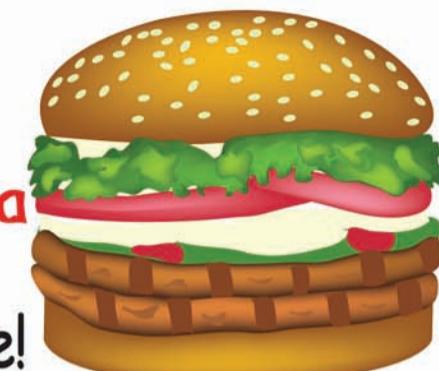
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We can't afford to rest and believe that we have arrived at the end of the line, nor can we afford to change our focus. If we are to achieve our end goal of a generation free of AIDS, we must push ahead to do more than what we are doing now. We must prepare our preventive programs, care and treatment must be more effective, and more responsible, balanced and efficient. We must also push the limits of science even further than where we have come thus far.

From California to Cameroon humanity has begun to see the light at the end of the tunnel slowly but surely. The commitment of global leadership at the moment is very important. The global leadership must remain attentive to the continuing developments in each country with respect to HIV/AIDS. Our youth must change from being passengers to drivers with respect to making their rights of sexual reproduction more fundamental for everyone. The sooner this is done, the sooner we will make a difference in our quest to eradicate HIV/AIDS around the world.

AIDS 2012 included in their week of presentations more than 3,600 definitive re-



sults of scientific research and more than 1500 forums attended with different themes related to HIV/AIDS.

AIDS 2012 was organized by the International Society of AIDS (IAS) and international partners such as: the Global Group of Persons living with HIV (GNP+), the International Counsel of Service Organizations of AIDS (ICASO), the International Community of Women living with HIV/AIDS (ICW), UN-AIDS which is the United Nations program directed toward AIDS, the Coalition of Vulnerable Communities of the Caribbean (CVC), and the

organizations of French origin also fighting the battle against HIV/AIDS (SIDACTION).

Obviously Aruba was very much a part of this conference. President of the Fundacion E Faro, Ryan Maduro, and Dr. Karina Kelly, Aruban medical specialist on the area of HIV/AIDS participated at the conference. Their goal was to learn from the conference and to bring back this information to Aruba, so we can be kept abreast of the new developments.

In next edition of the Morning News, we will share more information derived from this very important international conference and highlight the role played by the Aruban delegation.

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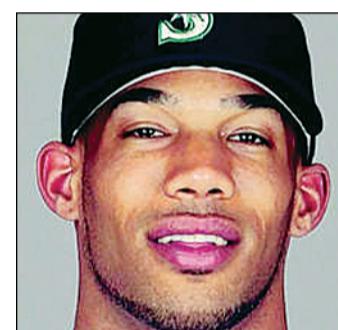
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## Brother who killed baseball's Gregory Halman freed on psychiatric advice



L-r. Gregory and Jason Halman

ROTTERDAM -- The man who killed his brother, the US baseball star Gregory Halman, during a fight over loud music last year is to be immediately released from prison, judges in Rotterdam said yesterday.

The release has been ordered on the advice of psychiatrists at the Pieter Baan assessment centre, who said Jason Halman was having a psychotic attack when he stabbed his two-year older brother to death last November.

The attack was partly brought on by cannabis use, news agency ANP quoted the centre's researchers as saying.

Jason has agreed to voluntarily come under probation officer supervision to smooth his return to society, the public prosecution department said. 'The chance of him re-offending is no greater than with you or me,' the spokesman said.

Jason had been on trial in Rotterdam and the court is due to deliver its verdict on August 30. Theoretically it can still order Halman to undergo psychiatric help.

Jason stabbed his brother at home in Rotterdam in November last year during an argument over loud music.

ANP said the mother of the two men had made an impressive appearance in court about the loss of her son and the strong ties between the two boys. In a statement she said: 'We do not have to forgive you. We have nothing to forgive you for. We are all the victims. You too, as well as Greg.'

Gregory Halman was one of the Netherlands' most successful baseball exports, appearing in 44 Major League games for the Seattle Mariners. He also helped the Netherlands win the European Baseball Championship in 2007.

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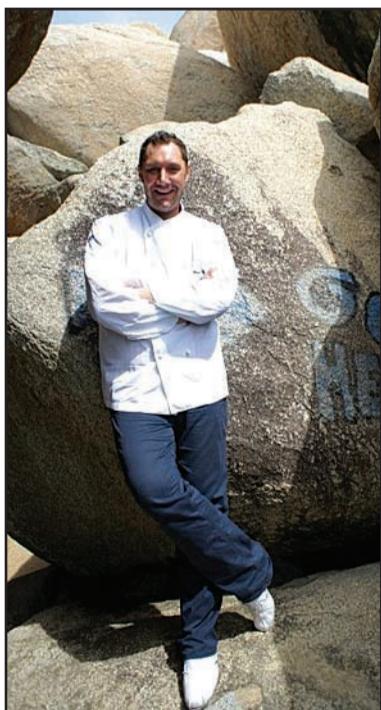
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he films a segment for his popular show Live entertainment with DJ Diablo!

Chef Mirko runs cooking schools, operates top-rated restaurants, authors cookbooks, stars in a children cooking show on Nickelodeon and on his main TV program, Chef in a Bacon Coat. He just lost all his overweight, more than 30kg, cooking lean and light dishes with the audiences.

The creative chef has 100 ideas every day, he says, and an army of 240 employees to make them happen for the dynamic Mirko brand. Charming, warm, entrepreneurial, and always prepared to laugh, chef Mirko intends to take a big bite out of Aruba and tell all his listeners and viewers about it.

Become part of the experience by attending his exhibition cooking at Fusion, on Saturday evening.

## YMCA Aruba and YMCA Trinidad & Tobago propelled our youth forward!



On the 9th and 10th of August the Aruba YMCA participated in an international project organized by the YMCA LACA (Latin America and Caribbean). Under the auspices of this program, the Trinidad & Tobago YMCA was invited to provide Aruban young people a special leadership seminar which taught them certain techniques on how to serve as leaders in our community.

The two-day seminar was held at the Dakota YMCA as

well as at the San Nicolas YMCA.

Our young people, reportedly, learned a great deal from their active participation in the very practical seminar.

Trinidad & Tobago's Chris Smith was very impressed with the work of the YMCA in Aruba. He was also pleased to see how Aruban youth responded to the seminar.

The Aruba YMCA is said to be planning more of these kinds of activities for our

youth in the future.

On the last day of the seminar, each participating youth received a certificate for their attendance.

Piet Janssen and Riba Gonzalez took part in the program during that last afternoon. Congratulations to our YMCA staff for such a successful training program.

The Aruba YMCA is continuing to work for the Aruban community and our youth in particular!

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ation to guests who visit Aruba for 20 or more consecutive years.

The honorees are Ms. Judy Bender from Green Cove Spring Florida, and Ms. Leann Mc Gee from Kendallville Indiana. Judy has her own house

in Aruba and she has been coming to the island for 27 consecutive years.

The certificate was presented to them by Mr. Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority at their favored spot on the island the Fotofiti trees at Eagle Beach.

Also honored were Mr. Horace and Mrs. Marianne Mundy from New Town Pennsylvania. The Mundy's brought their daughter and husband and grandchildren with them on this trip to celebrate Marianne's birthday, which was on the same day of the honoring, the



15th of August.

The certificate was presented to them by Mr. Ernest Giel together with Ms. Karina

Maduro representing the Riu Palace and family members who all wished Marianne a Happy Birthday.

*Aruban team of youngsters showing their talent through music abroad!*

## Song "Someday" of Upgrade Music feat Stefan (SMB) and Gilner (GDI) hits top of the charts in The Netherlands (Radio FunX)

It has been a year already since the famous song "Ainda" produced by Stefan Bartels-Daal, Gilner Dirksen and Jonathan Thiel ('Biggy Boy') made history by reaching the #1 position on the 'Latin Charts' of Radio Funx (Holland). This song made a great impact on Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao and Holland. Bands of Aruba and Curacao started adding this song to their repertoire and young and old danced to the sweet rhythm of "Ainda." In one word it was a Megahit.

This dynamic team of youngsters once again put minds and talents together to produce another hit, with the goal to surpass their successful achievement of last year. They have once again reached that point, now with their new hit "Someday" which is also # 1 on the Latin Charts of FunX radio. (<http://funx.nl/index.php/charts/latin-top-30>)

"Someday" was produced by Stefan Bartels-Daal who is known in the music world for his talent, accompanied by 'Biggy Boy' known for his creativity and his unique voice,



and Gilner Dirksen who does excellent work in mixing and mastering.

The team also offers their services in assisting musicians in beat, mixing or mastering. If interested please contact Gilner ([info@gdi-produce.com](mailto:info@gdi-produce.com)) or Stefan ([stefanbartels-daal@gmail.com](mailto:stefanbartels-daal@gmail.com)).

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## New Dominican Republic president pushes anti-poverty fight



SANTO DOMINGO (AFP) - Economist Danilo Medina was sworn in yesterday as the Dominican Republic's new president and pushed for a pact against poverty as he assumed the post.

The 60-year-old economist, who represents the Dominican Liberation Party (PLD) of outgoing President Leonel Fernandez, won May 20 elections on a promise to raise the Caribbean country's standard of living.

"I launch an appeal to all sectors to come together and form a pact to lift one and a half million Dominicans out of poverty over the next four years," Medina said at his swearing-in ceremony attended by heads of state of six countries in the region and other dignitaries.

"I came here not driven by

a desire for power but by my unwavering commitment to serve my people."

The Dominican Republic's high cost of living, unemployment, corruption and a soaring crime rate were among the top issues in the election.

The country sidestepped the global economic crisis in 2008 but it remains mired in poverty despite solid economic growth under Fernandez.

Inflation passed seven percent in 2011, with unemployment at 14.6 percent and 30 percent of the country's people living in poverty.

"The consensus I am calling for includes a fiscal pact, a pact to improve access to and quality of education, as well as a pact for electricity" he added, referencing the country's troubled distribution grid.

Medina played a key role in the rise of the PLD, of which he has been a member since 1973. He won 51.21 percent of the votes in the May election, compared to 46.95 percent for his main rival, opposition candidate Hipolito Mejia, who was in power from 2000 to 2004.

The Caribbean nation of roughly 10 million depends heavily on tourism, remittances from the more than 300,000 Dominicans living overseas, and cheap oil from Venezuela to the tune of 50,000 barrels a day.

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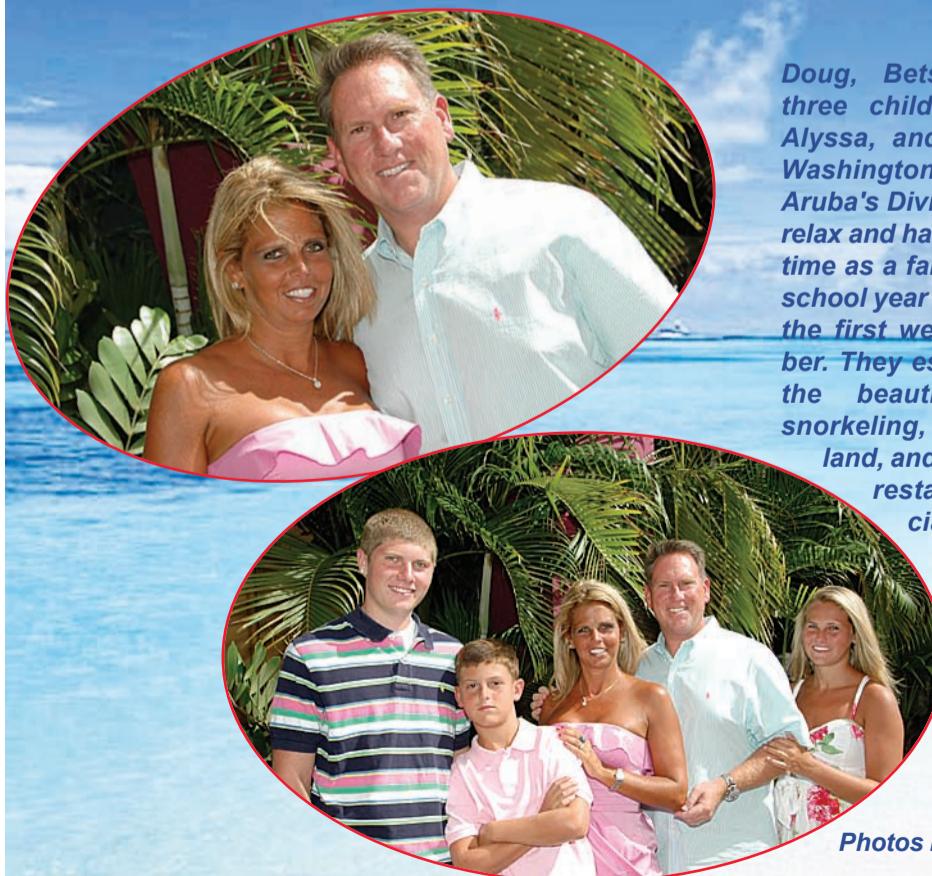
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## Double family celebration for Doug and Betsy



*Doug, Betsy, and their three children, Brendan, Alyssa, and Logan, from Washington, DC, came to Aruba's Divi Golf Village to relax and have shared playtime as a family before the school year starts up again the first week in September. They especially loved the beautiful beaches, snorkeling, touring the island, and so many great restaurants. A special congratulations to Doug and Betsy who are also celebrating their 20th Anniversary while here.*

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## Ecuador grants Assange asylum...

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Assange supporters outside the Ecuadoran embassy in London cheered the news, and, in a statement, the WikiLeaks founder thanked Ecuador for its "courageous" decision.

"While today is a historic victory, our struggles have just begun. The unprecedented US investigation against WikiLeaks must be stopped," he said.

Britain insisted it would carry out its "obligation" to extradite Assange regardless of Ecuador's decision and Sweden summoned the Ecuadoran ambassador to explain Patino's charge that Assange would not get a fair trial.

In Washington, the State Department denied it had put pressure on Britain to seize Assange.

"It is an issue among the countries involved and we are not planning to interject ourselves," State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said.

British police beefed up their presence outside the embassy, which is next door to the famed Harrods department store, with around 30 officers and nine vans stationed around the building.

"Nobody is going to scare us," Ecuador's President Rafael Correa said on his

Twitter account, minutes before the decision was announced.

Patino said his government reached its decision after Britain, Sweden and the United States refused to provide guarantees that Assange would not be extradited to the United States.

In 2010, WikiLeaks obtained and published online an enormous cache of US military documents on the war in Iraq and Afghanistan and diplomatic cables that deeply embarrassed the United States.

A US army private, Bradley Manning, faces trial in the US military courts later this year for allegedly passing the classified material to WikiLeaks.

"If he were extradited to the United States, Mr Assange would not receive a fair trial and could be judged by special tribunals or military courts," Patino said.

"It is not implausible that he would be subjected to cruel and degrading treatment and be condemned to life in prison or capital punishment."

Patino said Assange's imprisonment in Sweden "would open up a chain of events that would impede his avoiding extradition to a third country."

"As a result, Ecuador feels his arguments mean his fears are genuine, that he could be

the victim of political persecution because of his decisive defense of the freedom of expression and the freedom of the press," he said.

Patino said that if Britain did not grant Assange safe conduct out of the country, he would remain "under the protection of our embassy."

The British Foreign Office expressed disappointment and said the Ecuadorian decision changed nothing.

"Under our law, with Mr Assange having exhausted all options of appeal, the British authorities are under a binding obligation to extradite him to Sweden. We shall carry out that obligation," a Foreign Office spokeswoman said.

The spokeswoman added: "We remain committed to a negotiated solution that allows us to carry out our obligations under the Extradition Act."

Swedish Foreign Minister Carl Bildt took to his Twitter account to respond.

"Our firm legal and constitutional system guarantees the rights of each and everyone. We firmly reject any accusations to the contrary," he said.

At the Ecuadoran embassy, British police earlier arrested three protesters and put up barricades to keep back a crowd of about 30 Assange supporters chanting "Hands off Ecuador!"

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### White House backs Biden for VP

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The White House yesterday ruled out dropping Vice President Joe Biden, and told Republican nominee John McCain that with his track record he was in no position to give advice on running mates.

Several prominent Republicans suggested the gaffe-prone Biden should be replaced on President Barack Obama's Democratic ticket after he enraged Republican candidate Mitt Romney with an attack this week.

McCain, the Republican candidate in 2008 who chose the much criticized Sarah Palin as his running mate, said on Fox News on Wednesday that it might be "wise" to swap Biden for Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

The comment prompted a sardonic response from White House spokesman Jay Carney.

"While I appreciate, I have

great admiration for and respect for and a long relationship with Senator John McCain ... one place I would not go for advice on vice presidential running mates is to Senator McCain."

Asked whether Biden was certain to be renominated as vice president at the Democratic National Convention in North Carolina next month, Carney said: "Yes. That was settled a long, long time ago."

Biden on Tuesday triggered a furious response from Romney when the vice president told a crowd in the former slave-owning state of Virginia, that the Republican would put them back "in chains" with his banking policies.

The remark drew a sharp rebuke from Romney, who on Wednesday accused Obama of running a campaign that "is all about division and attack and hatred."

### Two Louisiana deputies killed in ambush shootings



Police inspect a car with bullet holes along LA 3217 after two St. John the Baptist sheriff's deputies were killed and at least one other injured in a shoot out early yesterday morning.

Two deputies in Louisiana were killed and two more were injured in a pair of ambush shootings early yesterday morning. The first shooting occurred around 5 a.m. in the parking lot of a Valero refinery in St. John the Baptist Parish, 35 miles west of New Orleans near the Mississippi River.

A deputy was working an off-duty traffic detail at the refinery when someone opened fire on his police vehicle, injuring him.

Moments later, police received a call from someone describing a speeding vehicle fleeing the scene of the shoot-

ing. Deputies tracked the vehicle to the Riverview Trailer Court, a trailer park, and began questioning residents.

Police handcuffed one suspect outside a trailer and knocked on its door. A man with a dog answered, and police noticed another man inside fully clothed under a blanket.

After the two men came outside with deputies for questioning, a third man jumped out of a trailer and began firing with an assault weapon.

Authorities have five suspects in custody. They do not believe any more are still at large.

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## UN Council orders end to Syria observer mission

UNITED NATIONS (AFP) - The UN Security Council yesterday ordered the end of the UN observer mission in Syria, but backed calls for a political office to remain in Damascus.

"The conditions to continue UNSMIS were not fulfilled," France's UN ambassador Gerard Araud said after a council meeting on the Syria conflict.

"The mission will come to an end at midnight on Sunday," Edmond Mulet, of the UN peacekeeping department told reporters.

Earlier this year, the UN Security Council authorized sending up to 300 unarmed military observers to Syria to monitor a ceasefire that UN-Arab League envoy Kofi Annan negotiated with President Bashar al-Assad.

But hostilities have only worsened and the UN Supervision Mission in Syria suspended its patrols on June 15.

As of yesterday the number had been cut to 101 observers and 72 civilian staff. Mulet said the last observer would leave Damascus on Friday next week.

The Security Council did

back a plan by UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon to start a political liaison office in Damascus to monitor events.

Mulet told reporters it would probably be between 20 and 30 people with political, humanitarian and military experts taking part.

He added that Syria's President Bashar al-Assad had approved setting up the political office.

Meanwhile, yesterday in Damascus, Syrian Foreign Minister Walid Mualllem accused fellow Muslim nations of being behind the bloodshed in his country after the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation suspended Damascus.

He also accused Arab states of failing to give even one dollar to help the humanitarian situation in Syria after 17 months of conflict that has claimed thousands of lives and sent many thousands more fleeing.

He also protested to visiting UN humanitarian chief Valerie Amos that Syria had not received any aid money from Arab states.

The OIC announced after an emergency summit in

Mecca yesterday that it had suspended Syria's membership of the 57-nation body, expressing "deep concern at the massacres and inhuman acts suffered by the Syrian people."

The Arab League had suspended Syria in November.

Mualllem accused the United States of being the mastermind of a "conspiracy" against Syria, using Turkey, Qatar and Saudi Arabia as its "tools."

State-run Syrian newspaper Tishrin accused the OIC of being a "cunning devil," saying the move was unsurprising, given its "sectarian doctrine, which is at odds with the essence of true Islam."

The Syrian ruling elite belongs to the minority Shiite Alawite sect, and most members of the OIC, particularly heavyweights such as Saudi Arabia, are predominantly Sunni Muslim.

Tishrin accused the OIC of furthering the "Western colonialist project... in the region which aims to bring down the Syrian state and sow sectarian strife".

## Thousands flee in India after Muslim attack rumours

BANGALORE (AFP) - Thousands of Indians from the country's northeast fled southern cities yesterday after rumours they would be attacked by Muslims in reprisal for recent ethnic violence, officials said.

Railway officials said they had put on extra trains from Bangalore to the northeastern state of Assam to accommodate a spike in demand after 6,000 tickets were sold since Wednesday evening.

People arriving in Assam's main city of Guwahati also told local television they had taken last-minute decisions to flee Hyderabad and the southern state of Kerala.

Three weeks of clashes in Assam between members of the local Bodo tribal community and Muslims have claimed 80 lives and displaced more than 400,000 people.

In New Delhi, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh appealed for calm.

"We have to maintain peace at any cost," the prime minister said and added that Indians must discount rumours.

Earlier yesterday violence

flared again, with security forces called out in the Nalbari and Kamrup districts after mobs torched a bus, a car and a wooden road bridge.

In a separate incident 11 people were injured when acid was thrown at a group in the western Assam town of Gosaigaon in the troubled Kokra-jhar district.

Police in the south said there were rumours that north-eastern people, who look more East Asian or Tibetan than most Indians, would be attacked after the end of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, around August 20.

There have been reports of isolated assaults in the southern cities of Pune and Mysore targeting people of northeastern appearance, while a rally by Muslims in Mumbai on Saturday protesting against the Assam unrest turned violent.

The unrest between Muslims and Bodos in Assam, which has repeatedly flared up in previous decades, is blamed by the Bodos and some politicians on an influx of illegal immigrants from nearby Muslim-majority Bangladesh.



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## Health & Living

### Australia says no plan for total smoking ban



SYDNEY (AFP) - Australia said yesterday it has no plans to ban smoking after a key court ruling allowing cigarettes to be sold in plain packets, describing the health battle against tobacco as "one step at a time."

Tobacco products will have to be sold in drab, uniform packaging with graphic health warnings in Australia from December 1 after global cigarette firms lost a constitutional challenge against the world-first plan.

The World Health Organization welcomed the High Court of Australia ruling in favour of the plain packets law and expressed hope for a "domino effect" for countries mulling similar moves, including Britain, Canada and New Zealand.

Smoking is banned in restaurants, bars and most other indoor spaces across Australia, with New South Wales state this week passing tough laws extending it to playgrounds, sports grounds, swimming pools and train and bus stations.

There were calls for Canberra to implement a full ban on cigarettes following its High Court victory, but Attorney-General Nicola Roxon said the issue had to be tackled gradually.

Roxon said she had children writing to her "all the time" when she was health minister asking her to ban cigarettes and she told them "that might be something that your gener-

ation has to take up".

"Tobacco control has always been a step at a time, and the very big step that we've taken this week is the High Court giving a tick to the government's plain packaging measures," she said.

Australia is still facing action at the World Trade Organization over the plan from Ukraine, Honduras and the Dominican Republic, as well as an investment treaty lawsuit filed by Philip Morris Asia in Hong Kong.

Legal experts warned that the Hong Kong case was "particularly concerning" because Australia's bilateral investment treaty with the Chinese territory did not have special clauses for public health measures as seen in WTO agreements.

### Paralysed Briton loses right-to-die court battle

LONDON (AFP) - A British man who is paralysed from the neck down lost his high court battle on Thursday to end his life of "pure torture" with the help of a doctor.

Tony Nicklinson, who suffers from locked-in syndrome, which has left his body paralysed but his mental faculties intact, wept as the verdict was announced.

Euthanasia and assisted suicide remain illegal in Britain, but an inquiry recommended

in January that lawmakers should consider changing the law to let doctors help some terminally ill people end their lives.

A second locked-in syndrome sufferer, who cannot be identified and was referred to in court as "Martin", also lost his challenge to Britain's ban on assisted dying.

Three judges sitting in London described the two cases as "deeply moving and tragic".

But they unanimously agreed that it would be wrong for the court to depart from Britain's long-held legal principle that voluntary euthanasia is a form of murder.

"I am saddened that the law wants to condemn me to a life of increasing indignity and misery."

There is no cure or treatment for locked-in syndrome.

Nicklinson was left paralysed by a stroke in 2005. He is forced to communicate by controlling a computer with eye movements, and his paralysis is so severe that killing him would go beyond assisted suicide.

## Health Tip:

### Think you might have diabetes?

Many of the signs of Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes are similar. In both, there is too much glucose in the blood and not enough in the cells of your body. High glucose levels in Type 1 are due to a lack of insulin because the insulin producing cells have been destroyed. Type 2 diabetes occurs when the body's cells become resistant to insulin that is being produced. Either way, your cells aren't getting the glucose that they need, and your body lets you know by giving you these signs and symptoms.

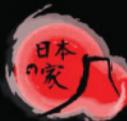
- \*Fatigue, constantly tired
- \*Unexplained weight loss
- \*Excessive thirst (polydipsia)
- \*Excessive urination (polyuria)
- \*Excessive eating (polyphagia)
- \*Poor wound healing
- \*Infections: Certain infections, such as frequent yeast infections of the genitals, skin infections, and frequent urinary tract infections.
- \*Altered mental status: Agitation, unexplained irritability, inattention, extreme lethargy, or confusion can all be signs of very high blood sugar.
- \*Blurry vision: Blurry vision is not specific for diabetes but is frequently present with high blood sugar levels.



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## Sci-Tech

### Germany relaunches privacy probe against Facebook



(AFP) - Facebook came under fresh pressure in Germany Thursday after authorities reopened a probe into the website's facial recognition software which they say violates the privacy of its users.

The head of the data protection office in the northern city of Hamburg, Johannes Caspar, said he would resume an investigation launched against Facebook more than a year ago but suspended in June.

Caspar agreed at the time to let negotiations between Facebook and Irish authorities about the software run their course, in the hope that the US-based company would accept stricter terms for the use of such data in Europe.

Facebook's European operations are based in Ireland.

He accuses the online so-

cial network of contravening European privacy laws with its system for registering the faces of users in photographs posted on the site.

Facebook, which began using the software last year, had pledged to stop using it on new users but declined to make other concessions, Caspar said.

"Thus the existing database of biometric data, established without the consent of those affected, remains illegal," he said, citing an EU review in March.

Caspar said he still aimed to reach a negotiated settlement with the company, with the "minimum requirement" being that users either give their consent to their images being kept in Facebook's database or they must be de-

stroyed.

In December, Ireland's Data Protection Commissioner (DPC) said after an initial audit that Facebook had to better explain to users what happens to their personal data and give them more control.

But following complaints that little had been done, a Facebook spokesman said in April that the DPC "did not at any time say that Facebook should amend its privacy policy based on European data protection rules."

Germany has some of Europe's strictest privacy laws due to the abuses under its Nazi and communist dictatorships.

In 2010, it took fellow Internet giant Google to task for its Street View service featuring interactive maps with links to recent photos of homes and businesses.

As a special concession to these concerns, Google allowed Germans to "opt out" of the service, promising to pixelate their houses or shops.

**PARIS (AFP)** - Temperatures in some parts of France will reach 40 degrees Celsius (104 degrees Fahrenheit) this weekend, forecasters predicted Thursday, triggering an alert system set up after 15,000 people died in a heatwave in 2003. Health Minister Marisol Touraine said a level 2 alert on the 1-3 heatwave warning system would be issued to ensure the public was aware of the need to ensure the well-being of the elderly, babies and other people particularly vulnerable to unusually high temperatures. "We have to be careful not to cause panic but at the same time make sure everyone is taking sensible precautions," the minister said. State forecasting body Meteo France expects temperatures to reach 40 degrees in south-western and central France with figures in the high 30s in much of the rest of the country. France introduced its heatwave warning system in 2004, a year after 15,000 mostly elderly people died in an unexpected and sustained spell of unusually hot weather.



### Meet squid-bot, a robot that camouflages itself



PARIS (AFP) - Scientists in the United States on Thursday said they had devised a rubbery robot, inspired by the squid and octopus, which can crawl, camouflage itself and hide from infrared cameras.

The Pentagon-backed gadget is the latest type of a so-called soft machine, meaning silicone-based robots that are made from squishy, translucent polymers.

The prototype incorporates a thin sheet of special silicone with microscopic channels through which coloured fluids are pumped so that the robot's "skin" mimicks the colours and patterns of the surrounding environment.

By pumping heated or cooled liquids into the microchannels, the researchers

can also mask the robot thermally so that its infrared signature does not stand out against a cold or hot background.

The prototype is a four-legged entity, 13 centimetres (5.2 inches) long.

Its limbs are splayed out in the form of an X and, using compressed air, flex like a child's toy, enabling the little machine to crawl forward with a lurching left-right movement.

Its financial backers were the US Department of Energy and the Pentagon's Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), which supports research into innovative technology with military potential.



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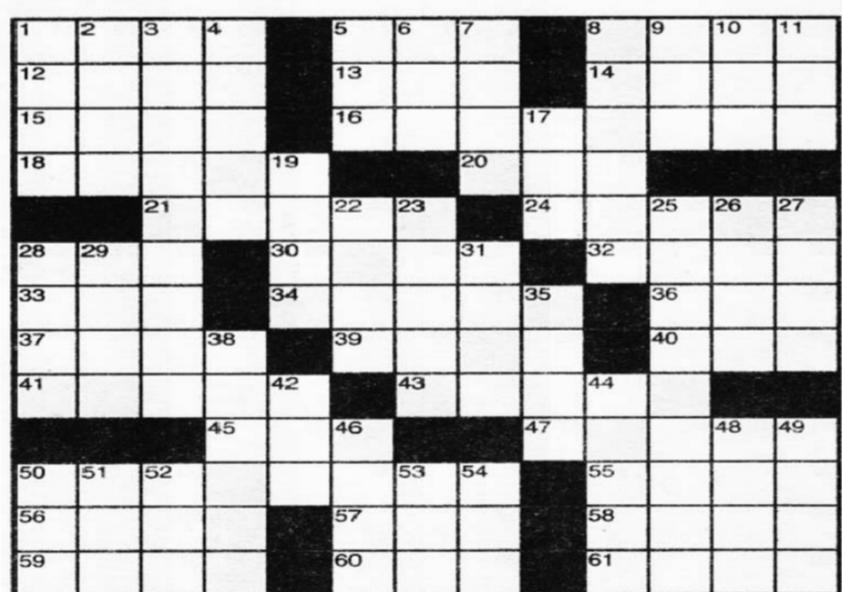
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## FINANCE

# Air France pilots approve restructuring

PARIS (AFP) - Air France's main pilots union validated a draft agreement yesterday reorganising working rules and pay, a key move that will help management implement a broader restructuring of the troubled airline.

The negotiations came after Air France in June said it needed to slash over 5,000 jobs -- around 10 percent of its workforce -- through voluntary departures by 2014, as part of a much larger plan to make the struggling airline profitable.

The pilots, most of whom are represented by the powerful SNPL union, were the last to discuss the new working agreements, which have already been ratified by ground staff though rejected by cabin crew.

More than two-thirds of pilots voting yesterday approved the new agreements, with a turnout of 83 percent.

SNPL Air France president

## Anglo American says it has completed De Beers takeover

LONDON (AFP) - The global mining group Anglo American said yesterday that it has finalised its purchase of a 40 percent stake in De Beers that seals a takeover of one of the world's leading diamond companies.

"Anglo American announces the completion of its acquisition of a 40 percent shareholding in De Beers from CHL," a company that represents the interests of South Africa's Oppenheimer family, a brief statement said.

The deal raised Anglo

Jean-Louis Barber welcomed the high turnout.

"The pilots accept working harder for the same, or slightly higher, salaries," he said. "But they got management's commitment there would be no layoffs."

He added he hoped other Air France workers would reach deals.

"The pilots should not be the only ones to make an effort, management should take responsibility, other staff too," Barber said.

Throughout negotiations, Air France said it would not impose redundancies if the unions signed on to its restructuring plan.

The airline has said it aims to voluntarily shed 1,681 cabin positions, 550 pilot jobs and 3,029 ground jobs.

To reduce the oversupply of pilots, some of them would go on a voluntary basis to work on a three-year contract for low-

cost subsidiary airline Transavia.

The job reductions would help save the company two billion euros by 2015.

The struggling Franco-Dutch carrier Air France-KLM has launched a major cost-saving program after posting a loss of 809 million euros (\$1.0 billion) for 2011 and a first quarter net loss in 2012 of 368 million euros.

Pilots from a second union, SPAF, oppose the new agreements and went on strike for five days in July.

NEW YORK (AFP) - Shares in legendary football club Manchester United sank below their IPO price for the first time yesterday, as apparent price support efforts gave out after five days of trade.

The shares had hovered barely above the \$14 issue price ever since last Friday's initial public offering, before dropping five percent to \$13.29 in yesterday's morning trade on the New York Stock Exchange. They bounced back slightly to \$13.50 in after midday.

The heavily indebted club



NEW YORK, NY - AFP photo shows job seekers lining up to attend a career fair in Midtown Manhattan, New York City this week. Hundreds of people, many waiting for hours, came for the chance to meet dozens of potential employers at the event, organized by National Career Fairs.

## YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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## Manchester United shares fall below IPO price

went public in the United States last week following aborted efforts to do so in Hong Kong and Singapore, where the American owners, the Glazer family, had hoped that its large Asian fan base would happily pay a premium for the shares.

In the end the IPO price had to be cut for the 16.7 million shares from the expected \$16-20 range due to weak demand amid doubts that the manage-

ment would be able to substantially boost club profits.

The exercise pulled in \$234 million, with half going to the Glazers and only \$101.7 million to reducing the pre-IPO debt burden of 423 million pounds (\$660 million).

It nevertheless left the Cayman-registered Manchester United Ltd the world's most highly valued sports team, with a market worth of \$2.3 billion based on the IPO price.

## Facebook shares plunging as insiders start to sell

Facebook Inc. shares fell to a new low as some early investors were allowed to unload their stakes, adding further pressure on the beaten-down stock.

Facebook fell 6.1% to \$19.89 in midday trading after hitting an all-time intraday low of \$19.69. It hasn't closed below \$20 in its short history. Around noon Eastern time, more than 94 million shares had traded, nearly triple the stock's average daily volume over the past 30 days, according to the WSJ Market Data Group



**Photo shows a model showing a 20-carat Fancy Vivid Yellow Diamond ring at the Singapore Freeport secured facility in Singapore. The Singapore Diamond Exchange has organized a private auction - from August 14-16 - for investors to acquire diamond portfolios at wholesale prices as a hedge against market volatility.**



BRAZIL, Sao Paulo : Chinese exhibitors show samples of Brazilian football souvenir items during the China Sourcing Fair in Sao Paulo, Brazil on August 14, 2012. More than 500 companies from mainland China, Hong Kong and Taiwan took part in the fair, presenting a variety of products from electronic goods to clothes. (AFP)

## Fans cheer as Elvis's ex-wife, daughter join tribute



MEMPHIS, Tennessee (AFP) - Fans of Elvis Presley cheered as the singer's daughter and ex-wife appeared publicly at Graceland on Wednesday to thank them for their loyalty, 35 years after the music legend's death.

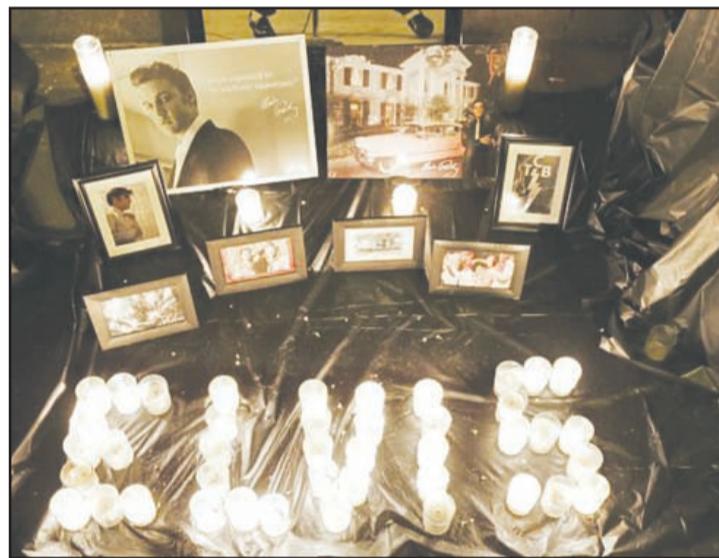
Priscilla and Lisa Marie Presley spoke for little more than a minute at the gates of the mansion at the start of an all-night candlelight vigil in memory of the king of rock 'n' roll's sudden death in 1977, at the age of 42.

"Lisa and myself want to thank you so very much for being here and supporting Elvis. You come every year and this is our appreciation to you for making this happen," said Priscilla, 67.

Lisa Marie, 44, said: "I've always avoided this because I thought it would be too emotional but I really felt it was important to come down here tonight and be with you."

"We love you. I love you very, very much and I am hon-

ored to see you here and we're grateful that you are in our



lives and we're really happy to be part of this tonight with you."

The gates of Graceland, the

23-room home where Elvis is buried alongside his parents in a meditation garden alongside a small swimming pool, remained open all night to a steady stream of well-wishers.

Elvis and Priscilla Presley divorced in 1973 after six years of marriage, but they remained close until his death and she played a key role in turning Graceland into a major tourist attraction.

Their daughter Lisa Marie, whose four husbands notably included Michael Jackson from 1994 to 1996, is a singer-songwriter who released her

first album in seven years, "Storm and Grace," earlier this year.



**LONDON (AFP)** - Paul McCartney threw his support behind Russian punk rockers Pussy Riot yesterday on the eve of the verdict in their trial for insulting President Vladimir Putin today. The former Beatle told the three young women to "stay strong" and said he would do everything in his power to help them. The women will hear on today whether they will be imprisoned over their anti-Putin prank, which took place in a landmark Moscow church. McCartney wrote: "Dear Nadya, Katya and Masha, I'm writing to show my support for you at this difficult time. "I would like you to know that I very much hope the Russian authorities would support the principle of free speech for all their citizens and not feel that they have to punish you for your protest. "Many people in the civilised world are allowed to voice their opinions ... as long as they do not hurt anyone in doing so. I believe this is the best way forward for all societies. Wishing you the very best of luck, Paul McCartney." Amnesty International handed in a 10,000-signature petition on Thursday in support of the Pussy Riot singers to the Russian embassy in London. They face three years in prison for staging the protest.

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**NEW YORK (AFP)** - A New York judge refused to toss out charges against the alleged madam of a high-class Manhattan brothel catering to the city's elite on Thursday, ordering her to stand trial later this year. Prosecutors say British-born Anna Gristina led a double life as a suburban mom and the mastermind of a multi-million-dollar escort service for wealthy clients. She was arrested in February after a sting operation. Gristina, who describes herself as a matchmaker, asked Judge Juan Merchan to dismiss her case which Merchan rejected and set an October 15 trial start. The case has stirred fevered speculation in New York over the identity of clients at the alleged brothel.

## Gold Coast Aruba: Great savings for large families on holiday rentals



Aruba's newest and most innovative gated community has enjoyed steady sales since breaking ground, as many are finding the secure surroundings and outstanding amenities are just what they were looking for before considering purchasing property on the island. Some owners are using the villas or town homes as vacation retreats rather than full time and are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," noted Gold Coast developer Fito Croes. To assist in the demand for more complete facilities for groups and families, famed hotelier Ed Malone has been placed in charge of the rental program.

Staying at Gold Coast is a very attractive proposition for those traveling with groups that would require multiple hotel rooms. Two and three bedroom Villas or Town Homes accommodate large numbers and offer extensive amenities along with a final cost resulting in considerable savings. The community is minutes to the best beaches and all the casino action, and offers a quiet and secluded getaway with two swimming pools and specialized services with more on the way, such as a fitness room, tennis courts and mini-mall. Ed can arrange maid service, babysitters, caterers,

airline pick-up and drop-off; they even boast a shopping service to stock your shelves before arrival.

Gold Coast accommodations are elegant and spacious, offering privacy for



parents or a few couples. Beautifully appointed kitchens and bathrooms grace each abode; barbecues and lounges are provided for friendly cookouts and truly savoring the island life. All homes come with cable TV,



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## 5 Burgers Aruba: Now your best breakfast bargain!



A favorite stop for a great burger for lunch or dinner has just expanded their hours and menu to offer some of the best breakfast bargains to be found in Palm Beach. Owners Aaron and Rosie Waliser are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5



Burgers Aruba. The couple's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu from an internationally known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 7 a.m., patrons can now order 2 eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$3.99, or All-you-can-eat pancakes, for \$6.99, again, with free refills on fresh coffee. Breakfast is served until 11 a.m. Famous for their fries made from

fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aaron's secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jalapeño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato... whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

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## SPORTS

### Brains, not brawn, for knockout karate punch: science



PARIS (AFP) - Brain power, not brute strength, may explain how karate experts can break bricks with a bare-handed strike, according to scientists who say years of martial arts training alter the organ's wiring.

Researchers in Britain compared the short-range punches of a dozen karate masters to those of 12 physically fit novices and found the black belts' secret lay not in muscle power but an ability to coordi-

nate the peak velocity of their shoulder and wrist.

This allowed higher acceleration and a bigger impact force, the scientists say in the latest issue of the journal Cerebral Cortex.

The scientists then scanned the two groups' brains, and found that those who threw the bigger punch had changes in the structure of their white matter, which transmits signals between the brain's processing regions.

The longer they had been training, the more changes.

"The karate black belts were able to repeatedly coordinate their punching action with a level of coordination that novices can't produce," study co-author Ed Roberts of Imperial College London's medicine department said in a statement.

"We think that ability might be related to fine tuning of neural connections in the cerebellum (the part of the brain that governs motor control), allowing them to synchronise their arm and trunk movements very accurately."

Scientists believe that through the process of learning a skill, patterns of brain activity adapt as performance improves.

Now they believe they have also found proof of changes to the actual brain structure.

"This has implications for our understanding of the role of white matter connectivity in motor coordination," said the paper.

### Tennis: Nadal should be fit for Davis Cup semi-final - coach



MADRID (AFP) - Rafael Nadal, who pulled out of the US Open due to injury, should be ready for the Davis Cup semi-final between Spain and the United States next month, the tennis ace's coach and uncle said Thursday.

The Spaniard withdrew on Wednesday from the US Open, the final Grand Slam of

the season, which starts in New York on August 27, because of his continuing battle with knee tendinitis.

"It was the right decision. This pause will further prolong his career and, possibly, he will have no more problems in the future," Toni Nadal told Spanish radio, adding the goal

is to work for a "full recovery".

Nadal, the world number three, won a record seventh French Open title in June but he crashed out in the second round at Wimbledon in a shock upset against Czech Lukas Rosol.

Shortly after the 26-year-old pulled out of the London Olympics because of the long-standing problem with his knees and subsequently withdrew from ATP Tour events in Toronto and Cincinnati.

But Toni Nadal said he was confident that his nephew would be ready to take part in the September 14-16 Davis Cup semi-final between Spain and the United States in the northern Spanish city of Gijon.

"There is a month to go and we hope that he will be fine, if not technically, at least physically," he said.

"After Wimbledon we decided to rest a few days and then work on strengthening his quadriceps but it was difficult.

"We eventually managed to boost a bit of his strength but at the end of the training sessions he continued to feel discomfort and his recovery was not enough to face such a hard competition as the US Open.



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MADRID (AFP) - Sevilla's Dutch international defender Hedwiges Maduro, who was diagnosed with a heart condition in July, will be allowed to carry on playing after undergoing further tests. "He has undergone tests to check that his coronary arteries are working perfectly," Sevilla medical chief Jose Naranjo said in a press conference on Thursday. "As a result, we have the great news that he will be able to carry on playing and it will not constitute any danger for him." Maduro, 27, who has already returned to training by himself and should soon be able to rejoin his teammates, admitted his relief and said that he now looks upon life "in a different way." On Wednesday, midfielder Fabrice Muamba, of English Championship side Bolton Wanderers, announced his retirement on medical advice five months after collapsing and suffering a cardiac arrest during an FA Cup tie against Tottenham.



JOHANNESBURG (AFP) - Powerful South African football boss Bobby Motaung and two others appeared in court yesterday for 2010 World Cup tender fraud amid claims of political assassinations to cover up the dirt, media reported. Motaung, the administrator of Soweto-based league Kaizer Chiefs, and his co-accused were granted bail of 50,000 rands (\$6,000, 4,900 euro) each at Nelspruit Magistrates' Court in eastern province Mpumalanga, 702 Talk Radio reported. They are charged with forging tax certificates and municipal letters in a tender to design the Mbombela Stadium in the regional hub next to the world-famous Kruger National Park. Fraud and corruption related to World Cup tenders and other wrongdoing have been linked to political murders in the province. Nelspruit municipal speaker Jimmy Mohlala was shot dead in 2009 after he exposed companies and individuals he accused of tender corruption for the global sporting event in the province.

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## Motorcycling: MotoGP returns to historic Indy track

INDIANAPOLIS (AFP) - The MotoGP circuit returns to action this week as the second of two races on US soil this season takes place at the iconic Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

"It is always a pleasure to visit Indianapolis as the motorsport culture here is very strong and the whole city gets behind the Grand Prix with many events taking place over the weekend," said Hiroshi Yamada, manager of Bridges to one's Motor Sport Department.



"The venue itself is quite unique with elements of three different eras incorporated into the circuit and it is a challenge for both riders and tyres."

There have been four different winners and seven different riders reaching the podium since the race was added to the calendar four years ago.

Jorge Lorenzo won the race in 2009 and did it in style, sporting his customized 'Captain America' helmet. He finished fourth in 2011, the only year he has not placed on the podium in the premier class.

American Ben Spies has had some strong performances in front of his home crowd, taking the pole position in 2010 and converting it into his

first ever MotoGP podium with a second place finish.

Last year, Spies overtook teammate Lorenzo to claim third place.

With 257,000 permanent seats, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway is the largest spectator sporting facility in the world.

Originally constructed in 1909 with a 2.5-mile oval, the 16-turn motorcycle road circuit includes part of the historic oval and was purpose-built for MotoGP.

The circuit was resurfaced last year, considerably improving grip levels for the riders. Organizers also removed some undulations on the tarmac that caused the bikes to behave erratically in corners.

## USA upsets Mexico 1-0

(AFP) - Michael Orozco Fiscal scored in the 80th minute and goalkeeper Tim Howard played brilliantly as the USA upset Mexico 1-0 in a friendly, giving the Americans their first-ever win on Mexican soil.

USA coach Jurgen Klinsmann hailed the "huge" upset at Azteca Stadium.

"It is huge for all American fans and it is historic," he said.

Mexico controlled the majority of the match, peppering Howard with a steady barrage of scoring opportunities. But they failed to capitalize as Javier "Chicharito" Hernandez missed a couple of chances near goal.

Klinsmann acknowledged his team still had "a lot of work" ahead. "You need a little bit of luck to and in some instances we were lucky. We had Tim Howard too."

The USA had been 0-23-1 against El Tri in 75 years of

games at Mexico, including 0-19-1 in Mexico City. Mexico has outscored the US 81-14 overall in Mexico City.

Brek Shea went down the left flank and around Severo Meza to start the play that led to the goal. Shea, back with the national team after being dropped for six months, crossed to Terrence Boyd. He made a quick backheel pass to Orozco Fiscal.

Orozco Fiscal kicked the ball past goalkeeper Guillermo Ochoa for his first international goal. Orozco Fiscal plays for San Luis in Mexico.

Mexico's best chance to score came in the 85th minute when Chicharito's shot deflected off a US player and appeared to be heading into the empty half of the net.

But Howard was able to reach back and blocked it with his arm, preserving his shutout.

## MLB Standings

### American League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
YANKEES	70	48	.593	--
BALTIMORE	64	53	.547	5.5
TAMPA	63	54	.538	6.5
BOSTON	57	61	.483	13.0
TORONTO	55	62	.470	14.5

### Central

Central	W	L	Pct	GB
CHICAGO	64	52	.552	--
DETROIT	63	55	.534	2.0
CLEVELAND	54	64	.458	11.0
KANSAS	51	65	.440	13.0
MINNESOTA	50	67	.427	14.5

### West

West	W	L	Pct	GB
TEXAS	68	49	.581	--
OAKLAND	61	55	.526	6.5
LA ANGELES	62	56	.525	6.5
SEATTLE	55	64	.462	14.0

### National League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
WASHINGTON	73	45	.619	--
ATLANTA	68	49	.581	4.5
NY METS	55	62	.470	17.5
PHILADELPHIA	54	63	.462	18.5
MIAMI	53	65	.449	20.0

### Central

Central	W	L	Pct	GB
CINCINNATI	71	46	.607	--
PITTSBURG	64	53	.547	7.0
ST. LOUIS	64	53	.547	7.0
MILWAUKEE	52	64	.448	18.5
CHICAGO	46	70	.397	24.5
HOUSTON	39	80	.328	33.0

### West

West	W	L	Pct	GB
LA DODGERS	65	53	.551	--
SAN FRANCISCO	64	53	.542	1.0
ARIZONA	58	59	.496	6.5
SAN DIEGO	52	67	.437	13.5
COLORADO	44	71	.383	19.5

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## Tennis: Murray out of Cincinnati, Federer eases through

CINCINNATI (AFP) - Olympic champion Andy Murray was sent crashing out of the Cincinnati Masters on Thursday, going down to a shock 6-4, 6-4 defeat at the hands of French lucky loser Jeremy Chardy.

Murray, the defending champion at this key US Open warm-up event, won just one match in Toronto last week before withdrawing with a knee injury but he looked impressive in his Cincinnati opener against Sam Querrey on Wednesday.

However, he was distinctly under-cooked against Chardy and his 16th unforced error of the second set sent the Frenchman into the last eight.

"This was like my second or third match on the hard courts. I played well yesterday; didn't play so well today," said world number four Murray, who will head for New York where the US Open starts on August 27.

Four-time champion and top seed Roger Federer turned in another flawless performance to ease past Australian teenager Bernard Tomic, 6-2, 6-4, unleashing 27 winners.

The 2009 US Open winner Juan Martin del Potro, who missed 2010 due to right wrist surgery, had troubles with his left wrist, requiring taping on his arm in his 7-6 (7/2), 2-6, 6-1 defeat of Serb Viktor Troicki.

American 10th seed Mardy Fish continued to perform well on his home cement courts, beating Czech Radek Stepanek 6-3, 6-3 with seven aces and 23 winners in 90 minutes and will next play Federer, whom he has lost to in seven of eight meetings.

Meanwhile, the recent exertions of winning Wimbledon and a pair of Olympic gold medals appeared to be catching up with Serena Williams as the fatigued second seed stumbled through into the WTA quarter-finals.

Williams, 30, scratched her way to a 6-4, 6-3 defeat of Urszula Radwanska.

The Polish challenger, younger sister of top seed Agnieszka Radwanska, led twice in the opening set but was unable to overpower the American.

Top seed Agnieszka Radwanska beat American Sloane Stephens 6-1, 4-6, 6-4.



BUENOS AIRES (AFP) - The Italian-born son of Diego Maradona is set to follow in the footsteps of his father by playing club football in Argentina. Diego Armando Sinagra Maradona, also known as Diego Junior, will sign for fourth-tier club El Porvenir, from the town of Gerli near the capital Buenos Aires, according to coach Luis Ventura. Playing down comparisons with his legendary father, Diego Junior told the Argentine sports daily Ole: "I love Argentine football and to play there is something I've wished to do. "If I were like my father I would be playing for the best teams in the world. I feel like I am a good player and I hope I can demonstrate that in Argentina." Ole reported that the 25-year-old, who had been playing with Italian lower league side Quarto, will arrive in Argentina next Wednesday, with his wages being paid for by a third party. "The club is not paying a cent, but this could generate interest and income," added Ventura. Diego Junior, who was born while his father was playing for Napoli, came close to joining Scottish lower-league club Clyde when aged 16 in 2003.

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## Giants Melky Cabrera Suspended



Dominican born Outfielder Melky Cabrera

Melky Cabrera's dream season ended Wednesday when Major League Baseball suspended the San Francisco Giants outfielder 50 games after he tested positive for testosterone.

Cabrera is currently second in the league with a .346 average and is one plate appearance short of the 502 needed to qualify for the league batting title. But according to MLB rules, he would have hitless at-bats added to his total until he

reaches the minimum. In Cabrera's case, that single at-bat would have no impact on his average — in fact, it could give him the edge over Pittsburgh Pirates outfielder Andrew McCutchen, who could be hard-pressed to maintain his league-leading .359 mark the rest of the way.

In addition to McCutcheon, Cabrera's teammate Buster Posey (.330) and Reds slugger Joey Votto (.342) are also in

the hunt for this year's batting title. But including this season, Posey is a career .308 hitter while Votto has not played since July 15th due to injury and could finish well below 502 plate appearances.

The Giants, tied with the Los Angeles Dodgers in the NL West, have 45 games left. Cabrera's suspension would carry over into the playoffs or, if the Giants are eliminated, into next season.

Meanwhile Carera issued an apology saying "My positive test was the result of my use of a substance I should not have used," Cabrera said in a statement (via the San Francisco Chronicle's Hank Schulman). "I accept my suspension under the Joint Drug Program and will try to move on with my life. I am deeply sorry for my mistake and I apologize to my teammates, to the San Francisco Giants organization and to the fans for letting them down."